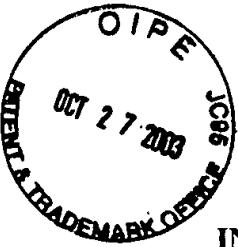


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RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to a final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 26, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the remarks that follow be considered and that the rejections made in the Office action be withdrawn. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this submission, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

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